

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

At the outset, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for graciously extending Applicant's representative an interview to discuss the rejections in the Final Office Action. During the interview, it was proposed to overcome all the rejections in the Final Office Action by converting the present application into a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent No. 6,445,818, referred to in the Office Action as the Kim patent.

In order for a patent application to qualify as a continuation-in-part, the following requirements must be satisfied:

- 1) The present application and the Kim patent must have at least one common inventor.
- 2) The present application must have been filed while the Kim patent was pending.
- 3) The present application must be amended to reference the Kim patent in a way which makes the continuing application status evident.

All of the requirements set forth above have been satisfied. Specifically, the present application and the Kim patent name Hyeon Jun Kim as a common inventor. This application was filed (July 3, 2000) before the Kim patent was issued on September 3, 2002. This paper satisfies the requirements for adding a cross-referencing paragraph to the present application. Moreover, the Kim patent supports many of the claims in the present application in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Accordingly, it is

respectfully submitted that the present application properly qualifies as a continuation-in-part of the Kim patent.

All the rejections in the Final Office Action cite the Kim patent as primary reference. Applicant submits that converting the present application into a continuation-in-part of the Kim patent is sufficient to obviate all the rejections in the Final Office Action. The Examiner acknowledged that this conversion would overcome these rejections in the interview summary record issued by facsimile on March 2, 2004.

With all the rejections removed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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